

The Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Act, 1948 and the Supply and Prices of Goods Act, 1950 continued to be in force and the Department of Civil Supplies availed of the provisions of these Acts to check the rise in prices of the articles coming under the respective Acts.

Enforcement.—During the year 1952-53, the Department of Civil Supplies detected 92 cases of violation of the Cotton Textile Control Order, 1948 and according to the merits of each case the licenses of the dealers were either suspended or cancelled and in cases where the offence committed was of serious nature prosecution proceedings have been taken.

General.—As a measure of economy consequent on relaxation of certain controls, several posts both Gazetted and non-Gazetted were retrenched with effect from 5th February 1953 and the Control of Civil Supplies Department was transferred to the Director of Food Supplies. One of the Assistant Directors of Food Supplies was appointed as *Ex-officio* Assistant Controller of Civil Supplies for attending to the work relating to the Civil Supplies Department.

The work of the Department during the year under report was on the whole satisfactory.

N. PUTTARANGASWAMY,
Chief Secretary to Government.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT

Directs the Change of Head of Account under which the advances to contractors of Public Works in Special Divisions are accounted for.

READ—

Government Order No. FL (B) 12713-25—C. R. 51-52-2, dated the 19th January 1953 ordering the abolition of grant of cash advances to contractors in the Public Works Divisions except in Special Divisions executing projects of big magnitude in which cases the advances being accounted for under "R. Loans and Advances by State Government—Miscellaneous Loans and Advances—Advances to Contractors".

2. Letter No. 207—WM-Comp. dated the 5th August 1953 from the Accountant General, Mysore, Bangalore, suggesting for the reasons explained, change of head of account under which the advances, to contractors are accounted for.

ORDER No. FL (B) 6331-43—BUD. 30-53-2, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 4TH SEPTEMBER 1953.

The advances granted to Public Works contractors in special divisions executing project works of big magnitude do not bear interest. As such, such interest free advances should appropriately be accounted for under the head "P. Deposits and Advances" instead of under "R. Loans and Advances". It is therefore, directed that the advances granted to Public Works Contractors in special divisions be accounted for under the head "P. Deposits and Advances—Part III Advances not bearing interest—Advances Repayable—Civil Advances—Advances of the Public Works Department—Advances to Piece Work Contractors." instead of under "R. Loans and Advances" as per the Government Order dated the 19th January 1953.

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